

Library of Michigan Web Site

Genealogy Homepage

The screenshot shows the Library of Michigan Genealogy homepage in a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window. The page title is "MHAL - Genealogy - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows "http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18635---,00.html". The page header includes the "History, Arts and Libraries" logo and navigation links like "Michigan.gov Home", "HAL Home", "Site Map", "Contact HAL", "FAQ", "HAL Jobs", and "HAL Online Services". A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area is titled "Genealogy Research at the Library of Michigan and the Archives of Michigan" and features a photograph of two people looking at a document. Below the photo, there is text about the Michigan Historical Center and a link to "conducting your genealogy research". A "Center Box" callout points to this section, stating it contains "General information: hours, phone numbers." The left side of the page has a "Left Rail" with a "Genealogy" section containing links to "ANSWER Library Catalog", "Conducting Your Genealogy Research", "Michigan Genealogist Newsletter", "Michigan Naturalization Record Indexes", and "Michigan Newspapers". A "Left Rail" callout points to this section, stating it contains "Research tools: ANSWER catalog, workshop handouts, databases." The right side of the page has a "Right Rail" with a "Department of History, Arts and Libraries; State of Michigan" link. A "Right Rail" callout points to this section, stating it contains "General information: Department of History, Arts and Libraries; State of Michigan." The bottom section is titled "Announcements" and "Using the Library and Archives". A "Bottom" callout points to this section, stating it contains "News: New items, workshops." The bottom right section is titled "Online Research Tools" and contains links to "ANSWER Library Catalog", "Archives of Michigan Circulars", "Genealogy Web Sites", "Library of Michigan Subject Guides", "Michigan 1870 Census", and "Michigan Cemetery Sources". A "Bottom Right" callout points to this section, stating it contains "Genealogy research: Guides to research by subject, links to Web sites, search ANSWER catalog and databases." The bottom left section is titled "Left Rail" and contains links to "Cultural Economic Development", "Michigan Week", and "Family History". A "Bottom Left" callout points to this section, stating it contains "More links: Information about other areas of the Library, event details, MeL (the Michigan eLibrary)."

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Using the Library/Archives
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a reference question.

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Web Site Highlights

There are a number of ways you can use the Library's Genealogy homepage to prepare for research at the Library:

- **Find books and microfilm:** Search ANSWER, the Library's online catalog, and make a note of call numbers and locations. Next time you visit the Library in person, you'll have a list of resources to examine.
- **Locate historical newspapers:** Not sure of the name of the newspaper in your great-grandma's town at the time of her death? Check the list of Michigan Newspapers to see what newspapers the Library has by county, and the date range held at the Library. You'll be all set to look for her obituary on your next trip to Lansing.
- **Stay up-to-date on happenings:** Register for Library of Michigan workshops and learn about additions to the Library's Genealogy and Michigan collections. Read the *Michigan Genealogist* newsletter and browse the latest Library of Michigan Subject Guide to gather ideas for your research.
- **Download forms:** Find forms for U.S. Census research, pedigree charts and family group sheets.
- **Track down a cemetery reading:** Search for Michigan cemeteries by county or township and find out if the Library has a book or microfilm that includes a transcription of a certain cemetery. Next time you're at the Library, check the resource for your ancestor.
- **Ask a question:** Submit a reference question to Library of Michigan genealogy librarians, or find contact information for a professional genealogy researcher.
- **Link to other genealogy Web sites:** Find more ways to do research at home.
- **Use MeLCat to request a book:** If there's a second copy of a book in the Michigan collection that you want to use, you may request it for delivery to your home library.

Web Addresses

The Library of Michigan has some easy-to-remember Web site addresses:

- **Genealogy homepage:** www.michigan.gov/familyhistory
- **ANSWER, the Library catalog:** www.answercat.org
- **Ask a Librarian:** www.michigan.gov/askalibrarian
- **1870 Michigan Census:** www.michigan.gov/1870census
- **Michigan Cemetery Sources:** www.michigan.gov/cemeteries
- **MeL, the Michigan eLibrary:** www.mel.org

Questions? Contact the Library of Michigan

- **Call** (517) 373-1300.
- **E-mail** librarian@michigan.gov.
- **Ask a Librarian:** www.michigan.gov/askalibrarian
- **Genealogy homepage:** www.michigan.gov/familyhistory